

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 183

By Swafford

A RESOLUTION to honor Joanne Harrison Stone of Crossville, on being named Woman of the Year by the Fair Park Senior Center.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Harrison Stone is one such estimable person who has served with dedication and probity for many years as a business professional and public servant; and

WHEREAS, as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mrs. Stone is renowned for her activities as a benefactor, a teacher, and an advocate for education in addition to many other worthy causes; her outstanding abilities are recognized in her being named 2005 Woman of the Year by the Fair Park Senior Center, and

WHEREAS, this award acknowledges a Cumberland County citizen who excels at providing distinguished public service and is an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, born December 19, 1923 to Margaret Keyes Harrison and Cosby Porter Harrison, Mrs. Stone attended and graduated as Valedictorian from Cumberland County High School before earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics at Tennessee Technological University, where she was also elected Homecoming Queen; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her dedication to young people and education, Mrs. Stone further prepared for her professional career by earning a Master of Arts in Guidance and Counseling from Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of young people, colleagues, and fellow community members alike; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of her community, Mrs. Stone is currently a partner in TAP Publishing Company, a sixty-eight year old firm that employs 150 people in Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her professional activities, Mrs. Stone has served extensively in her local community and beyond; she serves on the Cumberland County Playhouse Board of Directors and is a staunch advocate for the arts as a past member of the Tennessee Arts Commission, and

WHEREAS, she is also active on both the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Extended Education Board and the College of Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she is a dedicated member and an integral part of the Crossville community who, in concert with her family, is a generous benefactor; the Joanne Harrison Stone Scholarship Endowment has provided college scholarships to many deserving students at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, she and her family have also generously donated land for the new Good Samaritan building, a local campus of Roane State Community College, a new elementary school, and, most recently, a new high school; they have also provided major financial support for the new Roane State Campus and for the construction of the Fourth Dimension facility for recovering addicts; and

WHEREAS, reflecting her unwavering commitment to children and youth, Mrs. Stone has served as member and president of many Parent Teacher Associations and led both Girl Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stone is an active and devout member of First United Methodist Church of Crossville, where she has been teaching Sunday school for sixty years and is currently teaching a class for youth; and

WHEREAS, steadfast and devoted to her faith, she has served on every board in the church, is a lay speaker for the Methodist Church, and she regularly contributes to the church newsletter; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Joanne Harrison Stone has been blessed with the love and companionship of her husband, Roy, for nearly sixty years; their seven children, Margaret Stone Franks, Carolyn Stone Flick, Michael David Stone, Lawrence Stephen Stone, Jeffery Harrison Stone, now deceased, Cosby Allen Stone, and Julia Stone Burgess, and nine grandchildren, have provided much love and joy through the years; and

WHEREAS, despite her many honors, including the Crossville Exchange Club's "Book of Golden Deeds" and her induction into Cumberland County High School's Hall of Fame, she remains an ever gracious and most humble Christian servant who feels privileged to give and do for others, thereby reflecting the love of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stone exemplifies the spirit of allegiance to community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; her dedication to her church, her family, her community, and to the good people of the State of Tennessee is unparalleled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Joanne Harrison Stone, friend, family woman, and humble servant, on her well demonstrated integrity, compassion, and generosity in a life of service to her community, her church, and her business, and on being named the recipient of the 2005 Woman of the Year award by the Fair Park Senior Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.